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USING MULTIPLE SMART  
CARDS IN A READER

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) WO 9722092
- (2) WO 9607267
- (3) WO 9608798
- (4) Europe 686947
- (5) Europe 668579
- (6) Europe 575230
- (7) United Kingdom 2343091
- (8) Germany 19757648
- (9) Germany 19757649

Attention is also directed to the following pending applications, assigned in common with the subject application. Copies of the cited applications are enclosed.

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| (10) 09/414,558        | October 8, 1999    | 2876                  | 00169.001469.       |
| (11) 09/630,283        | August 1, 2000     | 2876                  | 00169.001777.       |

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

These documents were cited in the corresponding Australian Patent Application.

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